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1. GOVT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTRY HAS ANNOUNCED INTEREST FREE, CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY LOAN FROM PRC UNDER AGREEMENT SIGNED IN COLOMBO JAN 28.

AMOUNT IS 5.9 MILLION YUAN (SL RS 22.9 MILLION OR US \$2.9 MILLION AT CURRENT OFFICIAL RATE, US\$1 EQUALS SL RS 7.67). LOAN IS REPAYABLE IN FIVE YEARS, INCLUDING TWO YEARS GRACE, IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY OR SRI LANKA EXPORT GOODS.

2. THIS IS THIRD PRC LOAN UNDER SIMILAR TERMS DURING PRESENT GOVT WHICH TOOK OFFICE MAY, 1970.
FIRST WAS IN 1972 FOR RS 150 MILLION (ABOUT US \$25 MILLION) AND SECOND WAS IN 1974 FOR SL RS 28 MILLION (ABOUT US\$4 MILLION). DURING RECENT YEARS PRC HAS ALSO GRANTED CREDIT TO GSL BY LETTING ADVERSE SWING BALANCES ACCRUE BEYOND SETTLEMENT DATES UNDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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